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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Herbert GRIEB, Karl-Heinz KIRCHBERG, Edmund
LINZENKIRCHNER, Erich MERZ and Robert SCHWAB
METHOD FOR PREVENTING OR MINIMIZING OPERATIONAL
FAILURES IN A TECHNICAL INSTALLATION
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Our Ref. Q76945

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising eighteen (18) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 1 sheet of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), with 6 references, an International Search Report and an International Preliminary Examination Report (with partial translation). **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/04030, filed October 28, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application.

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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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